



AGENDA REPORT

Police Department

DATE:	April 22, 2025
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Bisa French, Chief of Police
Subject:	Purchase of a Chrysler Pacifica Plug-In Hybrid
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The proposed expenditure of \$60,000 is included in the approved 2024-2025 fiscal year budget (Account String: 01191021-400705).
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Police Department is requesting City Council approval for the purchase of one Chrysler Pacifica Plug-In Van for the Crime Prevention Unit to lead community engagement, coordinated training, educational initiatives for businesses and the public, and outreach campaigns for emerging crime trends.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	APPROVE the purchase of one new 2023 Chrysler Pacifica plug-in van from Hilltop Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to support the Crime Prevention Unit – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

DISCUSSION:

Crime Prevention and Community Outreach are critical tools in the law enforcement mission to reduce crime, it's harmful effects in our community and a critical resource for addressing the root causes and opportunities for criminal activity. Our Crime Prevention unit staff attends and coordinates weekly events in our community, coordinates training, implements Crime Prevention programs and educational materials for businesses and the public, conducts outreach campaigns for emerging crime trends. Additionally, the Crime Prevention unit represents the department in City, community, regional and multi-jurisdictional efforts in areas including unhoused intervention programs and participates in task forces and committees that address public interest.

The Richmond Police Department Crime Prevention Unit does not currently have a vehicle assigned to their division and is requesting to purchase a van to assist with these efforts and ensure they have a vehicle readily available to transport personnel and equipment to various off-site locations within our community. This vehicle will be an addition to the City of Richmond fleet.

Hilltop Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram (Hilltop CJDR) has a 2023 model year Chrysler Pacifica Plug-In Hybrid van in stock and available for purchase. The following quotes were collected by staff:

Vendor	Quote	5% Bid Credit
Hilltop Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram	\$44,988	\$42,738.60
Future Chrysler	\$44,940	
San Leandro Chrysler (2025 MY)	\$51,495	
National Auto Fleet Group	No Stock	

Hilltop CJDR is a City of Richmond business and in accordance with Richmond Municipal Code 2.50.070, a 5 percent rating incentive was credited to their responsive bid during the comparison process only.

Based on the quotes received, staff recommends the purchase of the Chrysler Pacifica Plug-In from Hilltop Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram.

SYNERGISTIC POLICIES:

Purchase of a dedicated Crime Prevention vehicle as described, a Plug-In Hybrid van, is in line with the City of Richmond General Plan 2030, addressing Energy and Climate Change. Key Finding 2 encourages the acquisition of equipment and fuel types that reduce energy abuse and carbon emissions. The purchase of this van is in line with this finding, as Plug-In Hybrid vehicles have lower emissions, significant fuel savings and are able to operate solely on the use of electricity for driving short distances. The purchase of this vehicle also falls in line with GOAL EC2 of the City's Energy and Climate Change Plan, of utilizing climate-friendly technology with clean and efficient transportation options.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Quotes